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1. WE APPRECIATE USNATO'S EFFORT TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT ON
A SET OF FIGURES FOR MBFR USE AND ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT
THESE EFFORTS.

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2. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED AS PREVIOUSLY STATED IN REFERENCE E TO SAY THAT, IF REQUESTED, WE WILL FURNISH BREAKOUTS OF POLISH AND GDR NATIONAL FORCES.

3. WHILE WE ARE ALSO PREPARED TO FURNISH A SIMILAR BREAK-OUT OF GSFG WE PREFER AS DISCUSSED IN REFERENCE E, THAT THE FOCUS OF USNATO'S PRESENT EFFORTS BE DIRECTED TOWARD ACHIEVING AGREEMENT ON POLISH AND GDR FORCES IN ORDER THAT AN OVERALL TOTAL WARSAW PACT GROUND FORCE FIGURE FOR THE NGA CAN BE REACHED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES (SUCH AS INCLUSION OF A SIXTH DIVISION IN CGF) IN COMPOSITION OF THE ALREADY AGREED UPON 460,000 SOVIET TOTAL FIGURE, CAN BE DEFERRED, IN OUR OPINION, UNTIL AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON POLISH AND GDR FORCES.

4. OUR EXPLANATION IN PARA 8 REF E OF THE CURRENT DISCREPANCY OF 10,000 BETWEEN CURRENT US AND NATO HOLDINGS ON POLISH FORCES REMAINS VALID.

5. DRAFT NATO FIGURES QUOTED IN REF C APPEAR TO BE AS OF END CY 1972 WHEREAS US ESTIMATES FURNISHED IN REF E AND LISTED IN COLUMN (1) REF C ARE AS OF 1 JULY 1973. ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NOT WISH TO TAKE ISSUE WITH INDIVIDUAL ALLIES ON THEIR OWN FORCE DATA, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING SUFFICIENT FORCE STRUCTURE BREAKOUT, COUNTRY BY COUNTRY, TO EXPLAIN DRAFT NATO FIGURES.

6. WE ARE CURRENTLY STUDYING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US AND NATO ESTIMATES ON HUNGARY AS REQUESTED IN PARA 5, REF B AND IN REF D. A RESPONSE WILL BE DESPATCHED SHORTLY.

7. PROBLEMS OF AIRCRAFT AND AIR MANPOWER DATA RAISED REF H ARE UNDER REVIEW HERE.

8. DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO BONN'S POSITION ON USE OF WP TANK FIGURE (REF A) FOLLOWS SEPTTEL. RUSH

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